

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

September 26, 2016, 5:30-6:30 pm

Town Hall Rm 217

Members in attendance: Chris Bennett, Kim Evans, Sarah Needham, Shawna Kitzman, John Minze, Brian Steckroth, Brian Clifford

Members absent: Terry Schmitt, Jennifer Strassfeld

Non-Members in attendance: Helen Rubino-Turco

May Minutes approved

1. Follow up on business from May meeting
 - a. Popup dog park
 - i. Sunday, September 25 at Kennedy Park. Successful, about 40 dog owners attended. Plan is to continue on a monthly basis.
 - b. Lights at baseball field on UConn property
 - i. Zoning permits have been approved and community outreach as well
 - ii. Still need to raise money and wait for the UConn property to be owned by the town before installing any lights
2. Feast on the Farm
 - a. This Friday, tickets still available
 - b. New Solar panels were installed on Westmoor Park. Panels were free.
3. Recap of Summer Pool & Activity Numbers
4. Update on UConn property
 - a. Still in due diligence phase (likely complete in mid-October), town has made a deposit
 - b. \$5 million was the offered price
 - c. Considerations: dog park, rec center, more adult programs/fields for pick-up use
5. New Logo
 - a. As signs are replaced, will be updated. Won't be an overhaul of all signs at once.
 - b. Blue is town hall, green is parks related
6. Wolcott Park Planning
 - a. Funding requested for fiscal year 2018 and 2019
 - i. Will also look to community partners, such as WH Youth Baseball, for funding participation.
 - b. Tennis courts, lights and restroom building all need work
 - c. Hired Peter Miniutti of UConn to help create a park plan
 - d. Community Outreach
 - i. Next phase: Schedule small group sessions in November to discuss wants and needs for parks generally
 - ii. Specifically targeted at bordering community when focused on Wolcott
 - iii. Include other stakeholders in community outreach (youth leagues, senior citizens, citizens with disabilities, school community, etc.)

